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There are many immunology books today that discuss the theory and experimental progress on autoimmune diseases. The majority of these publications, by necessity, address animal experiments along with data on human diseases.

The primary purpose of this book is to present current and practical state-of-the-art information for most diagnostic clinical immunology laboratories to use in coordinating their evaluation of common human autoimmune diseases. The book tries to help clinical laboratory scientists in their day-to-day problems and consultative interaction with clinicians. It is intended for pathologists, laboratory scientists, and clinicians who are interested in the limitations and usefulness of various clinical laboratory tests for the diagnosis and evaluation of human autoimmune diseases. There is also emphasis on the correlation of clinical data with clinical laboratory tests for the diagnosis and management of human diseases.

The authors wish to acknowledge the help of many colleagues and paraprofessionals who made this book possible. However, the primary person to whom this book is dedicated is LeMing Hang, MD, who contributed so much and passed away April 22, 1997, from a complex combination of autoimmune diseases. Dr. Hang was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and received her college education in the United States, graduating from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She received her pathology residency training at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California. Her postdoctoral training and staff work was performed at The Scripps Research Institute under the mentorship of Dr. Frank J. Dixon. She practiced pathology and immunology for several years before she passed away. She will be remembered as a complete physician; pathologist; practicing immunopathologist; and research scientist with integrity, compassion, dedication, commitment, and tenacity.

Best wishes and good luck to all of you.

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